

**Town of Buffalo
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 12th, 2018
@7:00 P.M.
Buffalo Town Hall**

Present-Charles Corso, Roger Wallis, Jan Banicki Jean Rataczak & Laurie Beahm
Others Present-

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order @ 7:00 P.M.

Motion to approve the agenda by Jan Banicki.

Second by Roger Wallis

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed the January 2018 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes from January 2018, by Roger Wallis.

Second by Charles Corso.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The Clerk and Treasurer gave their financial reports.

Motion to approve the financial reports as read by Jan Banicki.

Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed 1 building permits for the month.

The board reviewed the vouchers presented. Questions were asked regarding the Highway Dept billing. There were questions regarding the truck repair bills along with the truck surcharge. It was suggested that someone come to a meeting to explain this. It was also suggested that Roger Wallis go to one of the Highway Dept meetings to check on some of these items.

Motion to approve the vouchers as presented by Roger Wallis. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board stated that the Montello Fire Department ordinance was adopted and signed at the January meeting. Alma Paul asked some questions regarding where the money for the fire calls is going. The town pays for the fire truck and all of the equipment repairs so where does that money go? Jan Banicki suggested that maybe the Fire Chief, Glenn Bubolz or a representative could come to the March meeting so that some of the questions can be answered. The Clerk Laurie Beahm also stated that some of the other fire departments don't charge for fire calls. It is figured out with a formula that is built in to their budget. Maybe they could also come and explain how it is done for the fire district.

The committee finished reviewing Chapter #3 and Chapter #10 of the town's ordinances. The Land Use Planning will go over the drafts and then there will be a public hearing in April or May as soon as the drafts are finished.

The Chairman reviewed the signs in the township. Charles Corso stated that there will be more signs put up in the township in the spring for marking the Amish traffic.

Alan Sunstrom met with Don Smith and family and helped to explain their taxes.

NEW BUSINESS

The Montello School District Representatives Kyle Hunter-School Board President and Margaret Banker-School Superintendent had an informational presentation regarding the upcoming referendum. The School is presenting a 3.7 million dollar facility improvement referendum at the April 3rd, 2018 Election. The Representatives gave a slide show presentation showing what the money would be used for and a plan as to what would be done and when. The referendum would impact the property tax over a 10 year period. It was explained that school has some debt that will be dropping off which will also affect the total mill rate. The information is available on the Montello High School Website. There will be tours given for people to see the projects that are being addressed. Citizens were allowed to ask questions regarding the presentation.

The Representatives thanked the board for letting them come and give their presentation. They are hoping to see good things at the school.

The Town Board thanked them for coming out and informing the citizens on the plan.

The board discussed where all of the postings would be done. There was discussion on changing to posting at the Recycle Center, The Town Hall and on the Town Website. There was a motion by Roger Wallis to make the 3 posting places the Recycle Center, The Town Hall and the Town Website. Publishing's would be only what was required by statute. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The clerk asked regarding just publishing the meeting date and time notice. The board agreed that the meeting dates should be published. Roger Wallis made the motion to keep publishing the meeting dates and times in the newspaper. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

Charles Corso reported the cost of repairs on 2 of the trucks for the fire department. The Chairman gave the report on the upcoming purchase of the firetruck.

Charles Corso stated that Sheriff Gaffney is going to speak at the 4 Amish Schools in the Township regarding Safety on the Roads.

The Chairman explained that there was some vandalism to some road signs in the township near Muir Park. If anyone has any information please report it to Captain Crandall at the Marquette County Sheriff's Department.

Charles Corso stated that if anyone had any questions regarding their property taxes please contact one of the board members and they will try and help them get answers.

The Chairman explained that on February 1st, the town board heard a presentation from John Blader on his appraisal business. The board should think about this to be discussed at a later meeting. The Clerk explained that Associated Appraisers sent the information that the board had requested. They were going to meet with the clerk to install software on the town's laptop.

CITIZEN AND BOARD CONCERNS

No citizen and board concerns

Upcoming meeting dates-

- a.) Monday, March 19th, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Town Board Meeting.**
- b.) Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018-Spring Election (7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.)**
- c.) Thursday, April 5th, 2018-Land Use Planning**
- d.) Tuesday April 19th, 2018-Regular Town Board**

Motion to Adjourn by Jan Banicki- Second by Roger Wallis

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED